## California Teleconnect Fund (CTF)— Service Discounts Certification Application

## **Instructions for Applicants:**

Applicants shall provide all information required on the application and return the completed application to the Commission for review. If applicants are applying for discounted services under more than one entity type, a separate application form is to be used for each entity type. Service under the discounted rates is not available until the application has been reviewed, in the order received, by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) staff.

The Telecommunications Division will notify eligible entities, in writing, of the status of their application. The specific date of eligibility will be date stamped on your application, which will be returned with the notification letter. Applicants should then contact their service providers to receive service using the notification letter as proof of eligibility. Confirmed eligibility does not automatically establish participation. All participation is subject to the availability of program funds, which are administered on a first come, first served basis. If applicants add to or change subscribed services after they start participating in the program, they must inform the utility customer service representative at the time changes are made of their participation in the CTF program. This information is necessary to ensure accurate claims information and timely program payments

Applicants are responsible for notifying the CPUC of any change in any statements attested to in the application within 30 days from the date of the change. This notification shall be accomplished by filling out a new certification application, along with any required attachments, and a brief explanation of the change. All applications and any notifications of changes shall be mailed or hand delivered to the CPUC, Telecommunications Division - Attention: California Teleconnect Fund, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Third Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102. Upon receipt of information regarding changes, the staff will evaluate whether the customer still qualifies for the California Teleconnect Fund discounts.

Effective May 8, 2003 the new process simply requires you to contact your service provider, inform the customer service representative that you are a CTF participant and ask that eligible services be added to your account and receive CTF discounts. You will be required to provide your CTF application number and the carrier may request that you provide a copy of your eligibility letter from the Commission. If you are unsure of your CTF application number, you can find the CTF application number on the Commission's website at: <a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/industry/telco/public+programs/eligible+ctf+recipients.xls">http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/industry/telco/public+programs/eligible+ctf+recipients.xls</a>

Guidelines for completing the CTF application. Please note that failure to include the accurate data or attach the required document(s) will delay the review and processing of the CTF application.

<u>Public/Charter School</u>: The school's 14-digit California Department of Education (CDE) Code # should be written legibly. The CDE Code # should be used and <u>not</u> the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax ID No. The school district's CDE Code # ends with seven (7) zeros. Please ensure that the school's name and address on the CTF application match the school's name and address as listed on the California School Directory. The endowment question must be answered yes/no.

<u>Private School</u>: The school's 14-digit CDE Code # should be written legibly and <u>not</u> the school's IRS Tax ID No. Attach a copy of the IRS tax-exempt status letter that is addressed specifically to the school. If the IRS tax-exempt status letter is addressed to an entity or organization other than the school, please provide a signed letter stating the school's relationship to that entity; a copy of the latest cover page directory (such as Official Catholic Directory, white page directory, or similar directory); and a page in the directory listing the organization and the school. The endowment question must be answered yes/no.

<u>Library</u>: Please provide a copy of the California Teleconnect Fund Certification from the California State Library. Please ensure that the library's name and address on the CTF application match the name and address shown on the certificate.

Municipal, county government or hospital district owned and operated hospital or clinic: Please provide documentation that the hospital/clinic is owned, operated, and maintained by district employees.

Community Based Organization (CBO): Please attach a copy of each of the following: (a) IRS tax-exempt status letter that is addressed to the organization; (b) latest IRS Form 990 that is addressed to the organization; (c) mission statement; and (d) brochure of the organization. If the organization's corporate name changed after the issuance of the IRS tax-exempt status letter, or it is using a business name that is different than the corporate name, please provide a Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation from the Secretary of State, fictitious business name filed with the County Clerk, or similar document(s) indicating the name change. In addition, if the address on the application does not match the address shown on the IRS tax-exempt status letter and Form 990, please provide an explanation by signed letter.

Please type the E-mail address of the contact person completing/signing the CTF application, and send only one copy of the CTF application to the Commission.

CTF Application No.	

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Name of Institution or		
Organization		
Mailing		
Address:		
Please check one of the following boxes to identify your entity type (use a separate form for each entity if you are applying for service discounts under more than one type):		
K-12, Public School / Public School District Please enter your 14-digit CDE Code #:		
K-12, Non-Profit Private School Please enter your 14-digit CDE Code #:  (Please attach a copy of tax-exempt statement from the Internal Revenue Service.)	Date Stamp	
Library eligible for funds in the state-based plans under Title III of the Library Services and Construction Act, now the Library Services and Technology Act.  (Please attach a copy of certification from the California State)	Library.)	
Municipal, county government or hospital district owned and operated hospital or health clinic.		
Community based organization, tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(d) of the Internal Revenue Code <u>and</u> offering at least one of the following: health care, job training, job placement, educational instruction or a community technology program offering access to and training in the Internet and other technologies. (Please attach a copy of your tax-exempt statement from the IRS, your latest IRS Form 990.)		
Please answer yes or no to the following question as appropriate:  If you are applying as a school, do you have a total endowment that exceeds \$50 million?		

Applicant is responsible for notifying the California Public Utilities Commission within 30 days of any change of the above statements.

of California that I am authorized to act of statements are true and accurate to the be	are under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State on behalf of the above-named institution, that the above est of my knowledge and belief, and that the subscribed will not be sold, resold, transferred or shared with any
-	Date:FAX (Required): ( )
For CPUC Use only:  Certification Application Complete: Yes No Initials:	Date: